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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 8.